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# Field pea blackspot risk forecast for New South Wales

Field Pea Blackspot Risk Forecast is a location and season specific weekly forecast. It accounts for varietal resistance and chemical options, agronomic yield potentials, agronomic constraints (frost and terminal drought), risks of spore showers, disease severity, and disease related yield loss. It then weighs agronomic yield loss and disease yield loss and suggests a window of sowing dates.

This prediction is based on DPIRD's Blackspot Manager model using weather data from 1 January 2026 to 20 April 2026 from the nearest weather station.

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Sowing time can depend on a range of factors and it is recommended to consult an agronomist to determine the optimal sowing window for your situation.

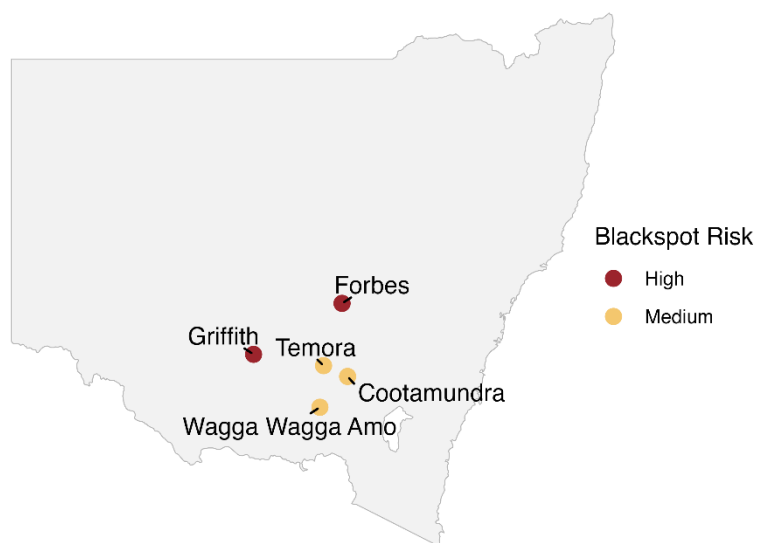
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## Key to blackspot severity scores

The aim is to delay sowing of field pea crops, where agronomically possible, until the majority of blackspot spores (approximately 60%) have been released prior to the crop emergence. This strategy reduces yield losses from blackspot.

*Map showing the relative current risk of spores based upon blackspot model outputs for various location in NSW, 20 April 2026.*



Blackspot risk	Spores released (%)	Range of yield loss for different levels of blackspot risk (%)
Low	60 - 100	2 - 15
Medium	30 - 59	20 - 35
High	0 - 29	25 - 50

**Note. Locations have been listed A-Z**

## Cootamundra

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 187.5 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 52

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Sowing guide (based on agronomic suitability)	Too early to sow before 20 May	Too early to sow before 20 May	Too early to sow before 20 May
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

## Forbes

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 154.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 34

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Sowing guide (based on agronomic suitability)	Too early to sow before 13 May	Too early to sow before 13 May	Too early to sow before 13 May
Blackspot risk	High	High	Medium

## Griffith

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 36 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 21

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Sowing guide (based on agronomic suitability)	Too early to sow before 5 May	Too early to sow before 5 May	Too early to sow before 5 May
Blackspot risk	High	High	High

## Temora

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 146.5 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 42

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Sowing guide (based on agronomic suitability)	Too early to sow before 12 May	Too early to sow before 12 May	Too early to sow before 12 May
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Medium

## Wagga Wagga AMO

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 130.2 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 49

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Sowing guide (based on agronomic suitability)	Too early to sow before 20 May	Too early to sow before 20 May	Too early to sow before 20 May
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

## More information

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